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SUBJECT: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

REF: STATE 212234

1. REFTEL DISCUSSED AUGUST 30 WITH AMBASSADOR ALVARO ALVAREZ, DIRECTOR FOREIGN POLICY, FOREIGN MINISTRY. WHILE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR POSITION, ALVAREZ SAID THAT HE ASSUMED GOU WOULD ABSTAIN ON ISSUE ON INVITING PLO TO IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER. ALVAREZ SAID HIS STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS OFFICIAL POSITION, SINCE HE WOULD STILL HAVE TO CONSULT WITH FONMINISTER, BUT HE BELIEVED IT MOST LIKELY GOU ABSTENTION WOULD OCCUR.

2. ALVAREZ SAID HE RECOGNIZED QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE INVOLVED FOR ORGANIZATION SUCH AS PLO, BUT POINTED OUT THAT GOU HAD ADOPTED CONSISTENT POLICY OF ABSTENTION RE OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO. HE EXPLAINED IN COMPLETE FRANKNESS THAT THIS POLICY WAS DUE TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS AT PLAY IN GOU'S RELATIONS WITH ARAB STATES. ALVAREZ MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR THE IMPORTANCE OF BEEF AND OTHER MEAT SALES TO A NUMBER OF ARAB COUNTRIES AS ONE OF THESE FACTORS. ALVAREZ COMMENTED THAT GOU SIMPLY COULD NOT AFFORD

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TO HAVE FULL WEIGHT OF ARAB DISPLEASURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON IT.

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